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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WELCH of Vermont).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 25, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PETER WELCH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 25 minutes and each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. BOREN) for 5 minutes.

HONORING STEVE MOORE

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of a fellow Oklahoman, Steve Moore, who unexpectedly passed away on Saturday, September 22, 2007.

Steve was a great person and a great Oklahoman. Many in the Oklahoma community and around the Nation knew Steve as the CEO of OG&E, but he was much, much more.

In fact, Steve's leadership paved the way for OG&E to be recognized by

Forbes magazine on its list of the Nation's best managed companies. Additionally, as approximately 750,000 OG&E customers know, the company received numerous awards for customer satisfaction in emergency response under Steve's guidance.

However, during his 61 years, Steve managed not only to be the leader of Oklahoma's largest utility provider, but also a civic leader throughout the State. Few may know that Steve is the past chairman of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, and he served on the boards of the Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation, Allied Arts, the State Fair, the United Way, the Edison Electric Institute, and the foundations of both the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University.

I think his list of civic activities, along with the State and national recognition given to OG&E, showed that Steve Moore truly cared for his employees, for his customers, and, above all else, his fellow Oklahomans. It was this home-grown Okie compassion that will make the Sayre-born and Altus-raised son of Oklahoma missed by us all.

With these thoughts, Oklahomans around the State send their condolences to Steve's wife Nancy, his daughter, Lisa, his son, Scott, and his mother, Melda. Steve will be missed, but not forgotten.

HONORING BROOKGREEN GARDENS IN MURRELLS INLET, SOUTH CAROLINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. BROWN) is recognized during morning-hour debate for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday this House unanimously approved H. Con. Res. 186,

which honors the 75th anniversary of Brookgreen Gardens, which is located in my district in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. I rise today to thank my colleagues for celebrating Brookgreen Gardens, which is one of the most beautiful places in coastal South Carolina.

In 1931, Archer and Anna Hyatt Huntington founded Brookgreen Gardens to preserve the native flora and fauna of coastal South Carolina and to display objects of art within that natural setting. Today, Brookgreen Gardens is a National Historic Landmark, and contains more than 550 works from American artists in what was the country's first public sculpture garden. Brookgreen Gardens also offers a natural exhibit center and a small zoo, which educates visitors on the unique species and issues of coastal South Carolina.

In conclusion, I would like to especially thank my colleagues from the South Carolina delegation that have shown bipartisan unity in cosponsoring this resolution, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the opening of Brookgreen Gardens.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISRAEL) at 10 a.m.

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